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SUBJECT: CHILEAN-PERUVIAN RELATIONS

1. DURING CALL OCT 11 ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS, FONMIN ADMIRAL CARVAJAL TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO UNGA, PERUVIAN FONMIN DE LA FLOR HAD ASKED TO SEE HIM IN NEW YORK. PERUVIAN TOLD HIM HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT CHILEAN PRESS ATTACKS ON PERU, AND CARVAJAL REPLIED IN KIND. THEY AGREED PRESS OF BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD BE CALMED DOWN.

2. CARVAJAL SAID HE HAD DRAWN CONTRAST BETWEEN CHILE'S LACK OF ARMS AND PERU'S FLOURISHING MATERIEL STOCKS. DE LA FLOR REPLIED PERU HAD "ONLY" 300 SOVIET TANKS, REPLACEMENTS FOR OUTMODED EQUIPMENT. CARVAJAL COMMENTED TO AMBASSADOR (AS HE SAID HE HAD DONE TO SECDEF SCHLESINGER IN US) THAT HE WAS LESS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING TANKS THAN TOWS. TOW MISSILE WAS BEST ANSWER TO PERU'S TANKS.

3. COMMENT. CARVAJAL LOST NO TIME IN TRYING TO BETTER CHILEAN-PERUVIAN PRESS RELATIONS. AT OCT 11 PRESS CONFERENCE HE SAID HE WAS FIRM BELIEVER IN PRESS FREEDOM, BUT PERUVIAN
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FONMIN HAD ASKED THAT CHILEAN PRESS NOT COMMENT SO FREELY

ON PERUVIAN INTERNAL SITUATION. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN ARGENTINA HAD MADE SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION. ACCORDINGLY, HE ASKED REPORTERS TO AVOID TO EXTENT POSSIBLE HARPING ON AND EXAGGERATING EVENTS IN PERU AND ARGENTINA.

4. IN HIS SEPT 27 UNGA SPEECH, CARVAJAL SAID CHILE SUPPORTS IDEA OF REGIONAL ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT, AND ESPECIALLY LIMITATION OF OFFENSIVE ARMS. HIS EMPHASIS ON TOW MISSILE SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS INDICATING LACK OF GOC INTEREST IN TANK PURCHASE.
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